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RE: U.S. Patent App. No. 09/785,208

YOUR REFERENCE: A50069-USA

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COMMENTS:

CONTINUATION OF PTOL-413A

1. The statement made in the Response to Applicant's Arguments portion of the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006 that "[T]he Office establishes equivalence regarding the load data region and the area where various data parameters are preprocessed or confined to a section of the database (Rebello: column 2, lines 47-55)" is unclear to Applicant. Specifically, it is unclear how this statement is intended to address Applicant's patentability arguments about the load region data creating function feature of the claims. Further, it is unclear to Applicant how the cited portion of Rebello supports the aforementioned rationale/response of the Office Action, especially since Rebello relates to the CAD/CAM arts. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this issue is ambiguous and requires clarification for further prosecution of this application.

2. Applicant intends to discuss possible amendments to the independent claims, if such amendments are necessary. However, Applicant believes, based in part on the ambiguity discussed above, that a mutual understanding of the claimed subject matter and the cited art does not yet exist between the Office and the Applicant. And, it is believed that a mutual understanding of the claimed subject matter and the cited art is a necessary prerequisite to further prosecution. Thus, to ensure such a mutual understanding, it is respectfully submitted that an interview is necessary.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that an interview will advance prosecution of the subject application by serving to develop and clarify at least the aforementioned issues and lead to a mutual understanding of the claimed subject matter and the cited art.

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/785,208 First Named Applicant: NAGAKURA
Examiner: STEVENS Art Unit: 2123 Status of Application: _____

Tentative Participants:

(1) APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE (2) EXAMINER

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: TBD Proposed Time: TBD (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>REJECTION</u>	<u>1, 5, 9</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Michael Kondoudis

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